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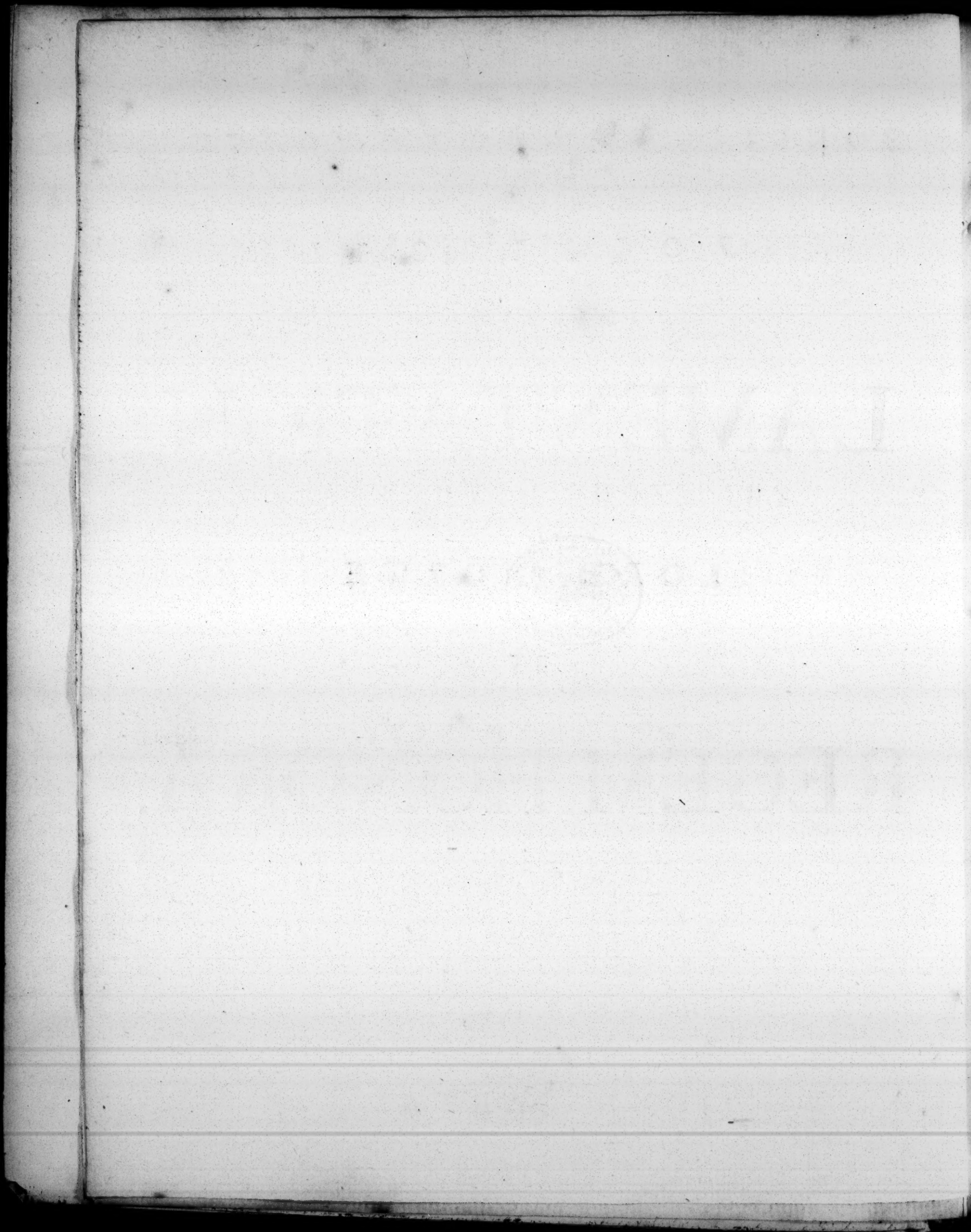


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PREFACE.

THE following Composition is the first Essay
of the Author's political Pen. Till now -

“He car'd not for Affairs of State,”

but now - these ill-grounded Factions that distract
the Nation, rouse him from his supine Indiffe-
rence, and provoke his Presumption to take up
the PEN - (for he MUST NOT take up the SWORD)
in his King and Country's Cause.

He means not to condemn the whole Body
of the revolted Colonists, nor charge every British
Subject with absolute Disloyalty, who is inclined
in his own Breast to palliate their measures ; - he
only means to condemn the rebellious Shedders of
their Nation's Blood, and the domestick insidious
Abettors of their Rebellion.

It must be allowed, there are great Numbers
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of well-affected People among the Colonists, - many SOUND MEMBERS of that DISORDERED BODY; and- not a few whose eminent Sufferings have signalized their Fidelity to their Sovereign: It must likewise be allowed, there are many worthy and respectable People at Home, who have been unaccountably, and unhappily, MISLED by the IGNIS FATUUS of the present GLOOMY DAY of Trouble, who are more the Objects of the Author's tender Concern, than his uncharitable Condemnation: -- and therefore he humbly hopes, that they, whose political sentiments cannot coincide with his, will pass a more favourable judgment upon his supposed errors. He certainly has the OPINION of many ingenious Writers and able Politicians, -- of many GREAT and GOOD Men to countenance these errors; and, in particular, is happy in the Acquaintance of a worthy American Family (who has resided a great number of years

years, and carried on an extensive mercantile trade in one of the Colonies) upon whose SLEEVE alone he could very well PIN his POLITICAL FAITH; being convinced, that they neither want GOOD HEADS to JUDGE of the present unhappy State of Affairs; nor GOOD HEARTS to ESPOUSE the Cause of TRUTH and JUSTICE: The mild and gentle Government of one of the best of KINGS stamps the Author's Sentiments with ROYAL AUTHORITY; and the sacred Word of TRUTH fully confirms all with it's DIVINE SANCTION.

What distinguished Head, that ever was adorned with the imperial Diadem, was wholly undisturbed by the noisy Exclamations, and idle Clamors, of perverse and disaffected People? -- Nay - often the more GRACIOUS the SOVEREIGN -- the more UNGRACIOUS the SUBJECT. And-- from this PURE FOUNTAIN, perhaps, may chiefly

FLOW

FLOW those TROUBLED WATERS, that overwhelm the Royal Peace and Tranquility, and threaten the Land with Devastation and Ruin.

Never did a REBELLION subsist without a Pretence: but certainly this is a most unnatural, and unprovoked REBELLION, indeed;-- in all probability kindled by the senseless Cry of ---

LIBERTY,

--- a Spark of Mischief, put into the Mouth of the unwary POPULACE by that infernal Incendiary, the grand Deceiver of Mankind, which has spread itself far and wide, and raged with unintermitting Fury. And so, Alas! it seems, the adopted Tenet of the DEMOCRACITES,-- "Vox POPULI Vox DEI"--The Voice of the People is the Voice of GOD,-- proves to be-- Vox POPULI Vox DIABOLI, - The Voice of the People is the Voice of the Devil.

If the Author's DROP OF WATER can save A DROP OF BLOOD by contributing in the least degree to extinguish the Flame this dire Incendiary has raised; or wash away the Taint of Disloyalty from the disaffected HEART, it will greatly rejoice HIS OWN.

What deep Concern must fill the Breast of our humane and gracious SOVEREIGN to be reduced to the unhappy and unavoidable Necessity of shedding the Blood of his own Subjects! And how insecurely must he sit upon his Throne, when so many of those Subjects rise up in Rebellion against him! -- Dreadful Situation both for KING and PEOPLE! -- May the gracious Hand of Providence speedily interpose; and stop the further Ravages of the CIVIL SWORD!

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POLITICAL LAMENTATION.

“**H**EAV’N prosper long our noble KING,
our Lives and Safeties all!”

For loudly do our Dreads and Fears
for Heav’n’s Protection call,

Oh! these are troublous Times, indeed,
and direful to relate!

For Folks at Home, and Folks Abroad,
Conspire against the State.

BRITAIN

BRITAIN with heavy Cost and Care
 AMERICA hath nurs'd,
 And wou'd but in a small degree
 be gladly re-imburs'd,

Undutiful AMERICA,
 lur'd by domestic Foes,
 Forgetful of her fost'ring Hand,
 RETURNS UNGRATEFUL BLOWS.

JESHURUNS fierce and ravenous,
 the Land as to devour,
 Rebellious raise their furious Heels,
 and spurn at Regal Pow'r:

As waxen fat, so waxen proud,
 these SELF-EXALTING Elves

Have too much Haughtiness to bear
one greater than THEMSELVES.

At LAWLESS INDEPENDENCY

they arrogantly aim;

And therefore unsuspecting Hearts
infidiously inflame.

For Men as Fish they bait the Hook,

form'd with tenacious Barb;

And sacrilegiously assume

RELIGION'S HOLY GARB.

RELIGION'S HOLY GARB, indeed,

since THROUGH it we descry

Dire VETERANS, who, profanely bold;

the LORD OF HOSTS defy.

For vainly do those Men pretend
 their HEAVENLY KING to fear,
 Who do not, as his Law directs,
 their EARTHLY KING revere.

And if our Eyes intently view
 the real Face of things;
 It will appear our civil Foes
 are Rebels to BOTH KINGS.

Their multipl'd nefarious Deeds
 most manifestly prove
 The Spirits that possess their Hearts
 "descend not from above",

They daub Offenders with vile Tar,
 who dare their Wills controul;

And

And deep in Feathers (HUMBLE PLUMES!)
their sticky Bodies roll.

Vile Tar and Feathers said the Muse?
such Words the Muse disgrace:
Then how much more must such vile Deeds
Humanity debase!

Thus do they with presumtuons Hand
the human Form degrade;
And Men by diabolic Art
are wretched Monsters made.

And thus the Sov'reign Creature, man,
of whom remains no Trace,
By Brutes is hunted as a Brute--
till Murder stops the Chace.

This is RELIGION--without doubt--
 by this they none abuse ;
 For Tar and Feathers these good Men
 as EXTREME UCTION use .

Others,-- indecent Cruelty ! --
 they bear astride on Poles ,
 Regardless of their Bodies Wounds ,
 and Anguish of their Souls .

The visual Orbs , like shining Stars
 obstructed in their Course ,
 With iron Hands , and stony Hearts ,
 they from their Sockets force ,

This is RELIGION too , 'tis plain ,
 and merits pious Praise :--

These

These OCULISTS make People SEE --
the Error of their Ways.

These are the righteous Punishments,
with which Transgression meets ;
These are the ACTS OF CHARITY,
which SANCTIFY their Streets :

And if we now their Steps attend
to the embattled Field ;
We there shall find their RIGHTEOUSNESS
A NEVER-FAILING SHIELD .

Trees, Bushes, Ditches, Mounds, and Walls,
their braver Foes annoy ;
Where they, wing'd FIERY Serpents-like,
lie lurking to destroy .

With murderous Eye they Victims mark,
 and fix their fatal Hours ;
 Cropping Alas! with barbarous Hand
 the Army's choicest Flow'rs .

BELLONA blushes to appear
 in dastard Horror dress'd,
 And mercifully frowns to see
 her bloody Laws transgress'd .

But let us turn our tortur'd Eyes
 from this affecting Scene,
 And see what Pleas these wily wights
 for their REBELLION feign ,

The QUESTION held in grand Debate,
 which strongly they gainfay,

Is, --

Is,-- Has the British Court a Right
to tax AMERICA?

If Colonies by Kings subfist, --
the natural State of Things
Fully declares, those Colonies
are subje&t to those Kings :

But as they REPRESENTMENT want,
the British Parliament
On FREEMEN can no Tax impofe
without their own Consent :

If Parliament wants Pow'r to tax,
of confequence we find,
That Parliament wants Pow'r to make
effective Laws to bind.

If Freemen by their Non-consent
are from Taxation freed ;
For Thieves and Robbers then in vain
are penal Laws decreed,

Then why shou'd partial Colonists
such Liberties maintain,
Since Laws of like Authority
must equally restrain?

All Freemen do not only yield
to Laws of Government,
to which, from Condescension great,
they previously consent :

In wide Domains the Bulk of Men
Laws passively receive :

To Delegates they cannot choose
Consent they cannot give.

And how can Freemen cede to Laws
ere Freemen yet are born?
'Tis all seditious, senseless, PRIDE, -
the Muse's utmost Scorn.

Life, Liberty, and Property,
kind NATURE gives, they say :--
what then?--why then--as NATURALS--
they fling those Gifts away.

The Privileges, which of old
the Royal Charters gave,--
We grant (tho' doubtful) undisturb'd
the Colonists shou'd have.

But PENNSYLVANIA's Charter says,
her Freemen may be tax'd :--

But then :- when Charters Freemen bind,
must Charters be relax'd?

If other Colonies, perchance,
are not to Taxes ti'd ;
An Obligation Reason says,
is virtually impli'd :

Subordination by a Chain
indissoluble draws
Subjection to the British Tax
as well as British Laws.

If MASSACHUSET's Royal Grant
exempts for seven Years ;

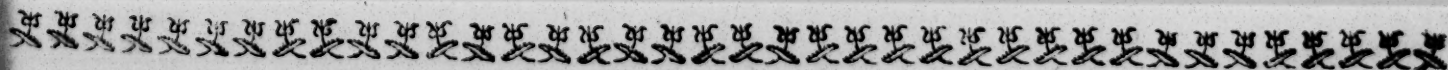
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When those Years cease, - a Right to tax
most glaringly appears.

But they ETERNITY and TIME
without Distinction blend ;
And thus these SEVENTEDIOUS YEARS
will never have an End.

If Colonies can Charters boast,
which verbally contain
Exemption without End, -- let such
for ever free remain : --

If not, - BRITANNIA has a Right,
who rules the raging Waves, -
If LIBERTY TAXATION wrecks, -
to make these FREEMEN -- SLAVES.

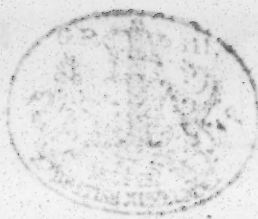


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POLITICAL LAMENTATION.

WHENCE come these Wars and Fightings dire,
that disunite the State?

From what sad Source our Troubles flow;

LAMENTING MUSE, relate!

Why shou'd the Father, and the Son,
against each other rise?

Why Friends; and Brothers, thus; Alas!
each other's Fate devise?

Why

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Why contrary shou'd Subjects act
to God's eternal Word,
and lift the doubly daring Hand
against their Sov'reign Lord?

When by the Father's BRUTAL Hand
his Offspring is destroy'd,
(For never MAN his own Flesh hates)
'tis SEMI-SUICIDE.

If Sons that curse their Sires are curs'd,
as Heaven has decreed ;
The Son who sheds his Father's Blood
must be accurs'd, indeed,

When Friends with Friends elate with Ire
the vengeful Sword employ ;

Why
Their

Their FAITHFUL FRIENDSHIP proves, Alas!
all BLOODY PERFIDY.

If Flames infernal threaten Tongues
that call their Brother Fool;
The FRATRICIDE must Oceans want
his scorching Tongue to cool,

When faithless Subjects take up Arms
the Royal Blood to spill,
How must the BLOODY REGICIDE
their SCARLET CRIMES fulfil!

But whence these Wars and Fightings dire,
that disunite the State?
From what sad Source our Troubles flow,
LAMENTING MUSE, relate!

Alas!

Alas! it is not hard to trace
 their evil Origin:--

They issue from a DEADLY SOURCE,--
 the POISON'D FOUNT of SIN.

If he, who stills the raging Sea,
 withdraws his saving Hand,
 soon must it's spreading Torrents pour
 Destruction round the Land:

It's baneful Influence must despoil
 the Verdure of the Field;
 And Woods, and Groves, and flow'ry Meads,
 to all it's Outrage yield.

Before it's rapid Force must fall
 high Towr's, and sacred Fanes,

Proud

Proud Domes, and splendid Palaces,

“where not a Wreck remains.”

Soon must the peaceful Villages

with Nature's Beauty grac'd,

Fair Towns, and Cities opulent,

“be utterly laid waste.”

What Legions of the Sons of Sin

perfidiously combine

With Satan's Banner to oppose

the Majesty divine!

How sadly proves the MOURNING Land

the Greatness of the Train

Of Miscreants, who with horrid Oaths

GOD'S sacred Name profane!

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How countless are those dang'rous Tribes,
of diabolick Race,

Who like their grand infernal Sire,
with LIES their tongues debase,

What UNJUST MEN and COVETOUS
uniting Hand in Hand

With RAVAGING EXTORTIONERS
augment the impious Band!

What GAMING through the Land prevails,
which seldom Law controls;

When Men not only lose Estates,
but often lose their Souls,

What Numbers, who to Ruin rush,
with this rash Step begin?

Who --

How

Who -- in Distresses deeply plung'd --
as deeply plunge in Sin.

In Iniquity thus involv'd
the FINAL STEP they take
Is - (how deplorable to tell!) -
into GEHENNA's Lake!

What GLUTTONY the Nation FILLS!
of Foes to Life the worst!
With which the Nation, still indulg'd,
"may like a Potsherd BURST."

The Kingdom REELS with DRUNKENNESS
"like as a tottering Wall ;"
And without Heav'n's SUPPORTING Grace
by DRUNKENNESS may FALL.

How endless are the Troops whose Rage
no VIRTUE can control;
Who FIGHT in League with "fleshly Lusts,
"which WAR against the Soul!"

What HATRED, VARIANCE, WRATH, and STRIFE,
disturb our common Peace!
And when will come the happy Day,
our sad SEDITIONS cease?

What execrable HERESIES
through all the Realm abound!
In how few Corners of the Land
are TRUE BELIEVERS found!

Hence HERESY too often proves
a mighty Instrument

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By which the Kingdom from the King
UNRIGHTEOUSLY is rent,

When erst in Times of Trouble reign'd
good LEWIS DEBONNAIRE,
In grand Rebellion rose his Sons,
LEW,' PEPIN, and LOTHAIRE.

These Sons against their royal Sire,
historick Authors tell,
By wicked heterodox Divines
were tempted to rebel.

And well -- were LEWIS DEBONNAIRE
the Potentate alone
Whom sacerdotal Heresy
has driven from his throne.

When

When HENRY, HENRY'S Son the Fourth,
 the GERMAN EMPIRE fought,
 He, like a DIGNIFY'D Divine,
 his Heterodoxy taught.

He NOBLY PREACH'D that GOD and CHRIST,
 SAINT PETER, and the POPE,
 Were ALL THE HONOUR to receive,
 as they were ALL HIS HOPE.

His fell seditious AUDITORS
 with ITCHING Ears and Hands
 CHANGE Kings and Priests, -- break off the Yoke,
 and rudely burst the Bands.

And yet when his rebellious Sword
 the SCEPTRE had obtain'd,

It

It seem'd, in HENRY'S RIGHTeous Breast
no other HOPE remain'd.

But BRITAIN'S martyr'd Monarch, CHARLES,
will amply testify,
And CROMWELL'S Mouth evince the Force
of PIOUS HERESY:

And when will cease imperious PRIDE
CONTENTION to create?
And BITTER ENVYINGS to corrode
the Vitals of the State?

How often does the Blood of Men
contaminate the Land,
To Rage or Av'rice sacrific'd
By MURDER's bloody Hand!

What

What Troops of daring INFIDELS
 the guilty Land infest,
 Who neither God nor Man regard,--
 whom God and Man detest!

These heinous MONSTERS, who presume,
 God's Image to deface,
 No longer ought to be arrang'd
 amongst the HUMAN RACE.

Ah!--how will their obdurate Hearts,--
 who SPURN their Christian Creed,
 And TRAMPLE on their Saviour's BLOOD,--
 have heavy Cause to BLEED!

But -- to review our OPEN Crimes,
 and SECRET Sins explore,--

Wou'd

Wou'd be to tell the Ocean's Drops,
or Sand-grains on the Shore.

Well may the mighty Lord of Hosts
his Sword of Vengeance draw,
And point it to those guilty Breasts,
which thus despise his Law.

HENCE come these Wars and Fightings dire,
that disunite the State: --

Oh! may our PENITENCE avert
our sad impending Fate!

May RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALT THE LAND,
and PEACE and PLENTY bring;
And ev'ry GOLDEN BLESSING CROWN
OUR SOV'REIGN LORD THE KING!

Went to see Mr. G. D. ...
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Oh, my dear ...
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SERMON

PREACHED IN THE PARISH-CHURCH

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DECEMBER THE 13th 1776,

BEING THE DAY APPOINTED BY HIS MAJESTY

FOR A GENERAL FAST:

DEDICATED

TO HIS KING AND COUNTRY

BY HIS MAJESTY'S MOST DUTIFUL

AND FAITHFUL SUBJECT;

AND HIS COUNTRY'S MOST AFFECTIONATE

AND DEVOTED SERVANT,

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POLITICAL
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AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS,
THAT THERE WENT OUT A DECREE FROM
CESAR AUGUSTUS,
THAT ALL THE WORLD SHOULD BE ---
TAXED.

THESE Words are here introduced by the
holy Evangelist to ascertain the JOYFUL
Time of our BLESSED LORD'S Nativity.
But, perhaps; they may not be misapplied to a
CONTRARY Purpose, nor be improperly chosen
as the Subject of a Discourse upon the present
SOLEMN Occasion.

We are here assembled in the awful Presence
of

the tremendous Majesty of Heaven to deprecate his direful Vengeance, which seems to hang over our guilty Heads, and threaten the crying Sins of this Nation.

The more apparent Cause of our civil Diffentions is--the Want of that dutiful Subjection to the KING, which his high Station, and exalted Goodness so justly demand.

When Cesar Augustus, the HEATHEN Emperor, published an Edict to TAX his JUDEAN Provinces, (which the Text figuratively styles--all the World) every Soul was subject to the higher Power;--but, it seems, his CHRISTIAN Majesty, our most religious and gracious King, must not presume to issue out a Decree to TAX his AMERICAN Provinces without an Opposition from the LOWER POWERS. His daring Subjects do not only malign him with the Name of TYRANT; but, as perfidious Traitors, oppose his Royal Authority by Force of Arms. But how

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can our ever humane and gracious Sovereign merit this odious Character, and odious Treatment? -- If he is a TYRANT, he is, indeed, a TENDER-HEARTED TYRANT, since he only exerts his tyrannick Power to alleviate the Distresses of the Parent State. -- TYRANT?-. No! -- He is the true FATHER of his People, and is only affectionately concerned to see the ROYAL PATRIMONY equally divided amongst them.

The Blessed Virgin, attended by her pious Spouse, went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judea, to the City of Bethlehem, to be taxed, even under the Inconvenience of Pregnancy, in Obedience to the imperial Edict. And though the nature of her Situation might very well have justified her Nonconformity; the wearisome Journey she voluntarily took from Nazareth to Bethlehem fully proved, that her own Ease was a secondary Consideration to the

the Will of her Sovereign, and greatly recommends to us a Readiness of Subjection to the Vicegerent of the King of Glory. But, instead of taking any LABORIOUS STEPS in dutiful Obedience to their Sovereign's Pleasure, our rebellious Fellow-Subjects have RUN counter to the Royal Mandate, and their Feet have been swift to shed Blood. - Alas! it is painful to add, -- The Way of Peace have they not known, neither is the Fear of GOD, nor the KING, before their Eyes. Poor, unhappy, deluded People! why would they hasten to their own Destruction? why would they pursue a Path that leads to inevitable Ruin? They bring in their AXES and HAMMERS to CUT the BOND of Peace and Freedom, and FORGE themselves CHAINS of SLAVERY. To SPEAK as inconsistently as THEY ACT; - They would cast off the YOKE of LIBERTY, and assume the PRIVILEGE of becoming SLAVES. What but Slavery can ATTEND
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the CONTRADICTIONARY COMMANDS of so many MASTERS?

Some observe with ILLAUDABLE COMPASSION, That our AMERICAN Brethren were certainly once a FREE and HAPPY People: -- and Whom can they blame that they do not remain so still? -- Where is the FURY of the OPPRESSOR in exacting the Payment of a trivial Tax in Conjunction with their Fellow-Subjects for the Maintenance and Security of their common Rights? Where is the INJUSTICE of the LEGISLATOR in imposing a fair and equitable Tax, most evidently justifiable upon the Face of their Charters? Common Gratitude demanded a small Tribute to the Support of that Government, which had so long supported Them, And that they could by no means justify taking up Arms against their rightful Sovereign -- no less evidently appears upon the Face of the ETERNAL CHARTER of GOD'S holy Word.

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We are there expressly forbidden to stretch forth our Hand against the LORD'S ANOINTED. God threatened the Jews with Death for REVOLTING from the King of Babylon; and destroyed Korah and his Company for their REBELLION against Moses. And the Divine Charter as expressly commands us to RENDER to Cesar the Things which are Cesar's. And, though there was no Tribute due from CHRIST, it is well known what the Blessed PRINCE OF PEACE said to St. Peter; - Left we should offend them, go thou to the Sea, and cast an Hook, and take up the Fish, that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his Mouth, thou shalt find a Piece of Money; that take, and give unto them for me and thee. -- It has been advanced, That our faithless Brethren were willing to raise the demanded Tribute, if they might be permitted the Choice of their own Mode. -- Their Expectation with all it's FREEDOM met with the ROYAL

ROYAL INDULGENCE. What did they want more? Nothing MORE, it briefly appeared, but INDEPENDENCY ON THE BRITISH CROWN. A poor Return to the PARENT NATION, who, as a Hen gathereth her Chickens, hath so often gathered THEM under her fostering Wings. -- Well may she take up a Proverb of REPROACH, and say, -- "I have NOURISHED and BROUGHT UP CHILDREN, and they have REBELLED against me." -- But What cannot the ungrateful Heart be guilty of? -- Surely they could not want Will, if they did not want Power, to bind their King (as well as Themselves) with Chains, and their Nobles with Links of Iron.

Never did a Rebellion arise, though ever so flagrant, without a very good and warrantable Cause, -- in the Opinion of ill-judging People. But if a KING was to give an Account of his SOVEREIGNSHIP to the presumptuous Inquiry

quiry of every misinformed - discontented Subject ; there would soon be an End of all civil Government : -- but where would be an End of intestine Broils and Commotions, of Anarchy and Confusion? When would the Fountain of the Kingdom's Blood be stanch'd, and the crimson Stream cease to MURMUR through the Land?

-- O! merciful Heaven, avert these Judgments from us, and dispose the Foes of our own Household to filial Duty and Affection to their NURSING FATHER, and their NURSING MOTHER, our KING and COUNTRY! -- To HEAR the piercing Shrieks and dying Groans, - to SEE the bleeding Wounds and closing Eyes, - to FEEL the pulseless Heart and clay-cold Cheek of Father, Brother, Friend, all fallen to rise no more till the ARCHANGEL'S TRUMP shall raise them from the Dust to answer before the Throne of GOD for Non-Subjection to the higher Power, the Power which HE ordained, is deep Distress, indeed.

Turn

Turn ye, turn ye, from your ADVERSE Ways ;
 for why will ye die, O! CHRISTIAN BRETHREN?
 --And why will ye, as an overwhelming Flood,
 involve your well-inclined Countrymen in your
 own sad Ruin? why will your arbitrary Cruelty
 lay a Tax upon their LIBERTY of Consci-
 ence, and compel them to take up Arms (to
 speak in your own accustomed Phrase) WITHOUT
 THEIR OWN CONSENT, and fall upon the Sword,
 that would protect them? --'Tis seemingly most
 horrid and bloody Ingratitude to plunge the Dag-
 ger into the Heart, that loves us ; - 'tis, indeed,
 deeply to pierce our own : -- but yet, Alas! this
 PAINFUL Necessity is imposed upon us : -- affect-
 ing to tell -- how many of our loving and faithful
 Brethren in AMERICA have fallen a bleeding Sa-
 crifice, --how many been made a wretched Prey,
 and how many now lie under the heaviest Griev-
 ances, and are become the most pitiable Slaves
 to their own cruel, rapacious, and oppressive,
 Countrymen.

Countrymen. These are the WISER and the BET-
 TER FEW, who were not to be imposed upon by
 SPECIOUS FALSEHOODS. The giddy Mul-
 titude was ever running into Folly and Mischief:
 -- EASILY to be LED from the RIGHT WAY, but
 HARDLY to be DRIVEN from the WRONG. It is
 not well conceivable, did we not once in a CEN-
 TURY unhappily experience what a destructive
 Flame a VERY FEW Incendiaries with BETTER
 HEADS than HEARTS will cause to spread through
 a Kingdom. What a black Charge must appear
 against them in the last great Day of Accounts
 for leading so many into ruinous Error; so greatly
 resisting the Ordinance of GOD, opposing the
 Authority of the Gospel of CHRIST, turning
 FAITH into FACTION, and the World into an
 ACELDAMA, A FIELD OF BLOOD! O!
 GOD, are not these Things noted in thy Book?
 But, if there remains any space for Repentance,
 gracious Lord, be not extreme to mark what is
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done amiss, but turn their Hearts to the Obedience of the Gospel, and dispose them again to turn FACTION into FAITH: nor may the Multitude any longer follow THEM (instead of their following the Multitude) to do Evil.

It is the charitable Christian's Duty to pray for his Enemies, -- to forgive, and love them. And how have we been obliged, and excited, to these Duties by the pious Command, and Example, of our gracious Sovereign, who has appointed publick Prayers to be offered up for his undutiful Subjects, and promised to forgive, and receive them again to his royal Favour upon their Return to their wonted Allegiance! And, surely, every Christian Subject will readily join with his Christian King, -- not only in Prayer to God for them, but in Forgiveness and Love. And, indeed, if we consider our own continual Transgressions against the Majesty of Heaven; it will appear meet, right, and our bounden Duty; since
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there would be more Presumption than Devotion in the Use of that Petition in our Blessed Lord's divine Prayer, - "Forgive us our Trespases as we forgive them that trespass against us." -- But here let us pause a little, -- and consider -- the **GRAND CAUSE** of our civil Calamities. - Was it **THE DISAFFECTION OF OUR AMERICAN BRETHREN?** - NO! - That was only, indeed, the **EFFECT** of a **PRIMARY CAUSE**. It was not **THEIR** Rebellion against their **EARTHLY SOVEREIGN**, but **OUR** Rebellion against **OUR HEAVENLY KING**, that was the **ORIGINAL SOURCE** of our Distresses: - The God of **TRUTH** now makes his **PROMISE GOOD**, and visits our Offences with the Rod, and our Sins with Scourges. And is there not ample Room for his Visitations? - Well may the Lord be angry, and unsheath his Sword of Vengeance against such a Nation as this. --- How many of those impious Fools **DISGRACE** the Nation, who say in their Heart,

Heart, There is no GOD? And how many, who are convinced of his Being, presumptuously blaspheme his holy Name!

How prevalent is that GRIEVOUS Sin of profane SWEARING, because of which the Land MOURNETH! Common Swearers have God in all their WORDS, but not in all their THOUGHTS; -- happy for them would they REVERSE their impious Practice. How often do our unhallowed Streets resound with horrid Oaths, as if bellowed from the Caverns of the bottomless Pit! When the Devil thus walketh about as a ROARING Lion, he seems to strike a universal Terror into the Hearts of Men, lest he should DEVOUR them: but, fear not, O! Christian! Thou wilt never be the Object of his Fury. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from thee: and it will be an Act of Kindness in thee to drive him from others. Stand not then abashed; but, as a faithful Soldier of Christ, boldly rebuke the grand Enemy of Souls; and,

and, with the Sword of the Spirit, deliver those, who are thus led captive by him at his Will. Let not the Prince of Darkness thus extend his Sway without control: The omnipotent Arm of Heaven is on thy Side; the mighty Lord of Hosts with his angelick Legions will be thy invincible Defender.

How vast is the Society of those who will not walk honestly as in the Day; but walk in Rioting and Drunkenness, - in Chambering and Wantonness, - in Strife and Envyng! Into what a Sea of Troubles and Mischiefs do these delusive Vices, and SYREN Sins allure us! These are the grand Parents of a numerous Offspring of Evils; - Hunger, Cold, and Nakedness, Sickness, Despair, and Death, - Injustice, Fraud, Oppression, Robbery, Cruelty, and Murder. Let us then with the utmost Caution avoid those dangerous Sins, and walk honestly as in the Day, always remembering, that those, who love Darkness rather than

than Light, because their Deeds are evil, will be cast into outer Darknefs, - into the dreary Regions of eternal Night, where their Deeds of Darknefs will be miserably changed into weeping, and wailing, and gnafhing of Teeth.

How numerous are the Children of the Father of Lies, and thofe that fwear falfly by God's Name! And if the common Liar fhall have his Portion in the Lake that burneth with Fire and Brimftone; much more muft the Tongue of Perjury be parched in the fame inextinguifhable Flames.

When the CRUEL MAN TAKETH REWARD to flay the innocent, how often doth the COVETOUS MAN TAKE REWARD to pervert Judgment, and refcue the Murderer from the Hands of Juftice! He perverts the Words of the wife Man, who fays, The tender Mercies of the wicked are cruel; and on the contrary maintains, That the Cruelties of the wicked are tender Mercies.

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The State of Man is a State of Misery; and therefore it must be an Act of Mercy to put a Period to it. And what Profit can arise to the slain from the Blood of the Slayer? His **LIFEBLOOD** cannot restore that Life which is taken away, nor **REPLENISH** the Veins of the unhappy Victim. Nor can we suppose the restless Spirit of the untimely-deceased to be wandering about the Earth seeking the **USELESS RECOMPENSE** of **BLOOD FOR BLOOD**. No! - it is not to **SATISFY** the **WOUNDED SPIRIT**, - but only -- an unchristian Revenge. And thus he can neither **SEE** - Murder in the shedding of Blood, nor Injustice in the Perversion of Judgment: -- because that Covetousness hath **BLINDED** his Eyes. But this he must know assuredly, That the righteous Lord loveth Righteousness, - that he himself becomes a Partaker of the bloody Guilt he defends, - and that his Reward will never prosper in his Hand, because it is the Price
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of BLOOD.

How notoriously are God's Sabbaths neglected and profaned! What Numbers of unchristian People absent from the Courts of the Lord's House upon his holy Day! Many, instead of coming to worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord their Maker, remain in their own unsanctified Dwellings to pay Homage to the God of this World in the profane Prosecution of their secular Interests and Employments, and SERVE themselves rather than SERVE the Lord in his holy Habitation. Some, during the publick Worship of the TRUE God, rather than come into his Presence, and POUR OUT their Supplications before the Throne of Grace, like unenlightened Heathens, make their LIBATIONS to the Heathen Deity, who presides over the inordinate Potion. Mistaken Worshipers! It is not the Province of your Deity to SAVE, but to DESTROY. Others would rather choose to be thrust into the inner Prison
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with Paul and Silas, and that their Feet should be made fast in the Stocks, than suffer a short Confinement in the House of God, and be bound to worship him. Their universal Aversion to God and his Church, his Ministers and People, -to every Body, and every Thing, that is good, -forbids them to visit his Temple. So fond are they of their spiritual Bondage, that they will not come to be loosed from the Chain of their Sins. --

And - how many, who frequent the Temple of the Lord, seem rather to be led thither by Custom than DEVOTION; - whose cold Indifference, and irreverent Deportment, evidently prove, that they do not worship God in SPIRIT and in TRUTH, - or, perhaps, once perform a REASONABLE SERVICE. So DEAD is the Devotion of the Generality of Worshippers; that RELIGION, Alas! seems to be just -- EX-PI-RING.

And again, how many, who come to the LORD'S HOUSE, never come to the LORD'S TABLE!

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This is, indeed, a most dangerous and unchristian Neglect. It is an Act of gross Disobedience to our blessed MASTER's dying Command; and, - as nothing but Sin can prevent our Attendance at the holy Feast, - proves, that we would rather be the SERVANTS of SIN than of our DEAR REDEEMER.

And then, shall we not lay down our Sins for his Sake, who laid down his Life for our's? It is neglecting a special Means of obtaining that Grace, without which we cannot be saved. And shall neither Gratitude to the endearing Love of our blessed Lord and only Saviour thus dying for us, nor the Love of our own immortal Souls, engage us to comply with his gracious Command? --

No! -- So little sensible do most Men seem of the great Importance of this Duty; that it is to be feared, they too often suffer their Souls to perish for Lack of Grace -- through the Neglect of it.

These are a few of those innumerable Sins and Impieties with which our Land abounds.

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It is, indeed, a Nation LADEN with Iniquity,
 It is not the BURDEN of a TAX imposed upon
 the COLONIES, but the BURDEN of our SINS,
 which has been the sad Occasion of our present
 Calamities. And it is the Lord alone, who can
 make our Enemies to be at Peace with us, who
 MAKETH MEN TO BE OF ONE MIND IN AN
 HOUSE.

Let us all then in our several Stations lend
 an assisting Hand (through Christ STRENGTHEN-
 ING us) to lighten this heavy Load of national
 Guilt; - casting away from us all our Transgres-
 sions, - truly repenting of our many and grie-
 vous Sins, - turning to the Lord with Fasting,
 Weeping, and Mourning, - and supplicating the
 Father of Mercies for his dear Son's Sake to be
 gracious to us and our sinful Nation. For, as
 WICKEDNESS, which BURNETH like FIRE, hath
 KINDLED this FLAME in our Land; it can only be
 extinguished -- by our PENITENTIAL TEARS.

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